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It is a pretty good performance for the *Kennebec Journal* to claim that its advocacy of the Australian ballot is sustained in the *Whig's* section, citing as proof the resolutions of a local group, when every Republican representative elected by the people of this section has voted against this needless legislation. For the legislative paper to thus discredit the sentiment of the people as reflected by their regularly chosen representatives is one of the many peculiar phases of this bogus reform campaign.

The *Portland Advertiser* is terribly distressed because the *Whig* has appealed to Republicans to vote against the kangaroo ballot law. This regards as a sad mistake. The *Whig* has usually manifested a good deal more interest in the welfare of the Republican party than has ever been attributed to the *Advertiser*. The Republicanism of that paper may be summed up in the following significant paragraph from the *Express*:

"The success of the *Advertiser's* plan of removing the Republican party from voting for a Democrat for Mayor was not as encouraging as our neighbors of the one color could have wished."

Since the Boston *Journal* has become the exponent of foreign election methods it seems to have abandoned its good, old-fashioned American ideas about honesty. Several weeks ago it declared that 80,000 voters had petitioned for the Australian ballot in Maine. We at once called its attention to the fact that it had multiplied the actual figures by ten, the number of petitioners being about 8,000. Instead of \$50,000, the *Journal* has persistently refused to make any correction. This incident may be instructive, because possibly its statements about the alleged success of the law in Massachusetts may contain the same elements of exaggeration. The returns from the State certainly point in that direction.

The *Kennebec Journal* is satisfied that the better second thought of the Legislature will result in the passage of a thoroughgoing Australian ballot bill. We are glad to hear that besides advocating it, Governor Burleigh is also doing all in his power to secure its passage. It is a personal influence among the members of the Legislature of this good Republican measure.

The above is another evidence of the unreliable campaign the papers advocating the bogus reform ballot have adopted in order to influence the members of the Legislature. Governor Burleigh informed the writer of this paragraph and another gentleman from this city that aside from the recommendation in his message he had not and should not attempt to influence the action of members on this question. In view of this plain denial, there can be no view of this plain denial, there can be no course, be no foundation for the *Journal's* reference to the Governor, and it is therefore entirely misleading.

The Australian ballot was used in New York at the last election, says an editorial in the *Whig*. The *Whig* is a contemporary, and the Republicans lost a United States Senator.

The *Portland Advertiser* is evidently going under the assumption that having already made a question of itself on the ballot question, a few more misrepresentations will not count. The *Advertiser*, New York, *Republican*, a paper whose Republicanism will be appreciated in Maine as it keeps standing at the head of its columns the name of "James G. Blaine for President in 1892," makes just this charge in very plain language. It declares that a sufficient number of Republicans were deterred from going to the polls on account of the complicated machinery of this new ballot law to give the Governor Assembly to the Democrats. Now it is barely possible that the *Republican* knows almost as much about the situation in New York as the *Portland Advertiser*.

The *Portland Advertiser* declares that the *Whig* was the first to drag the bogus reform question into partisan politics. If this were true the *Whig* would be perfectly correct in assuming the responsibility, but it is not true. The *Whig* who first made this bogus reform a partisan question was the editor of the *Advertiser* who in June of 1890, in an editorial, called attention to the fact that the *Whig* was a tremendous flourish and demanded the insertion of the Australian ballot resolutions in the party platform. The gentleman was given a respectful hearing and then his resolution was so effectively speared that he did not dare take the floor again and force it to a vote. This convention, it will be remembered, was attended by the *Kennebec Journal* and other Republican papers as being a very large and thoroughly representative gathering of Republicans from every section of the State. The delegates to this convention were chosen by the people, and the *Whig* is the only paper that has not been able to elect a delegate to this convention.

The Senate and the Ballot Bill.  
The ballot bill is assigned for consideration in the Senate to-day. In the entire history of the State there never has been so persistent an attempt to convert the members of the Legislature into voting for a measure as has been made in this controversy. From the start there has been, as the result of careful planning, an effort to surround this question with a halo of reform, this being in the minds of the men seeking to force this law upon the State term most likely to influence the members. Men who have declared against this cumbersome legislation have been traduced on the score of standing in the way of a great reform. The *Whig* absolutely nothing in the world of a reform, but on the other hand is a step backward rather than in the direction of progress. It is a degradation rather than the elevation of the ballot. No member of the Legislature need hesitate to vote against this bill on the ground that we cannot afford to back the wheels of reform, because it is first necessary to have the reform and that is entirely lacking in this Australian ballot law.

We are aware of the fact that the advocates of this bill claim that it will pass the Senate. The *Whig* does not pretend to know what the action of the Senate will be on this question, but we do know that on this two-thirds of the Republicans of the House have voted against it and we fail to see any reason why a Republican

**Some More Tin-Plate Myths.**  
The *American Economist* has received from a manufacturer of tinware, whose place of business is within a pistol shot of its office, samples of various kinds of tin cans, tin boxes and the like, in all about a dozen pieces, made from tin plates manufactured at Denham, Pa. This gentleman uses thousands of boxes of plates every year, and asserts positively that the American product is fully equal in quality and in every respect superior to the imported article. It is either softer and tougher than the foreign tin plate, and works, therefore, more easily and more satisfactorily. He goes on to say that one of his workmen, who is a staunch Democrat, and find all along predicted a failure for our attempts to make tin plates, when set to work on a sheet of domestic plate, candidly acknowledged that he was wrong, and joined his employer in testifying to the superiority of the domestic product.

Another item of the plate deal is in New York City. H. R. D. Mill & Co. have given for publication a statement to the effect that they have received about 100 boxes of American-made tin plate, made by P. H. Lauman & Co., Appleton, Pa. The quality, they assert, is generally excellent, and some of the plates equal to the best imported. The price is a little less than for the corresponding weight and quality of imported plates. Verily, these are terrible times for free trade calamity editors.

**Special Notices.**

**PERSONS DESIRING SEATINGS.**  
Hammond St. Church.

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